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Employment Statistics

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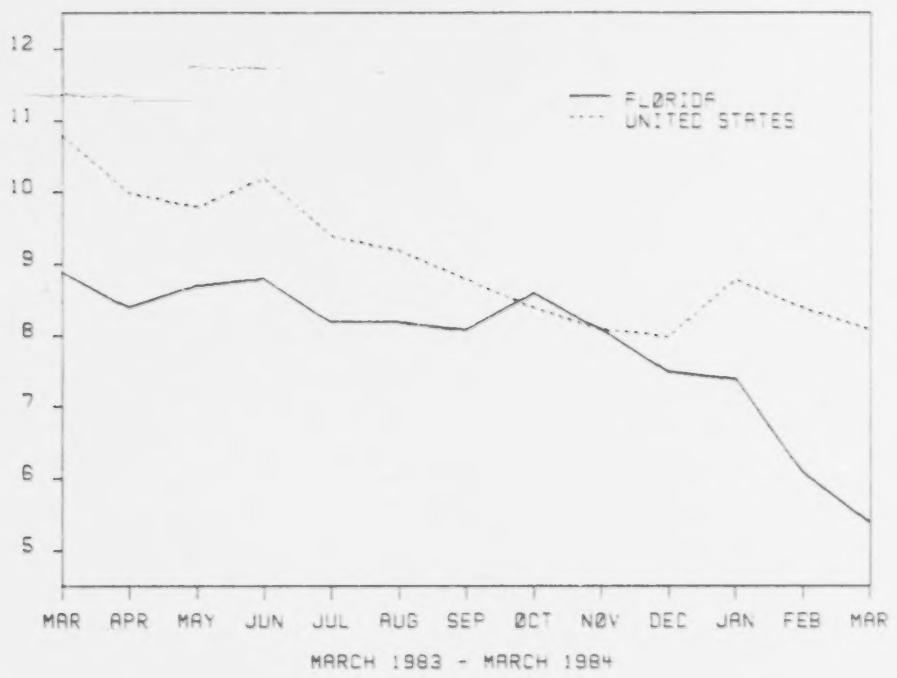
UNEMPLØYMENT RATES (UNADJUSTED)



MARCH 1983 - MARCH 1984

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY*

State of Florida	March 1984 p	February 1984	March 1983
Civilian Labor Force	4,979,500	4,991,100	4,610,600
Employment	4,712,600	4,684,900	4,202,100
Unemployment	266,900	306,200	408,500
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.1	8.9

Note: Data are taken from the monthly results of the Current Population Survey (CPS) and are primarily for use in allocation of money under various federal programs. Data are not seasonally adjusted.

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT: Florida's nonagricultural employment level rose 24,000 (0.6 percent) in March 1984. Compared to previous February-March increases, this is the smallest since 1980. The over-the-year increase of 253,300 (6.6 percent) compares favorably with the pre-recession increases which were between 4.0 and 5.1 percent. The only industry not showing an increase over the year was transportation which dropped 1.7 percent.

Construction employment continues to show healthy increases, climbing 2,500 (0.9 percent) in March. Services remained over the one million mark for the second consecutive month. The over-the-month increase of 8,000 (0.8 percent) brought services employment to 1,013,100. Trade increased by 5,400 to 1,111,400 and government increased to 653,000 from 647,400.

Smaller gains were made by other industries. Manufacturing increased 600. Durable goods employment went up 1,900, nondurable goods employment dropped 1,300. Finance, insurance and real-estate was up 1,000 while transportation climbed 900.

Over-the-year gains were shown at every major industry level except transportation. The largest rate of increase was in construction, up by more than 20 percent over March 1983. Finance, insurance and real estate was up 8.3 percent over March 1983. Other industries showing more than 8.0 percent increases over-the-year were manufacturing (9.2 percent); trade (8.4 percent) and mining (8.6 percent).

Construction employment, at 296,400, was at its highest peak since June, 1974 when it stood at 296,500. The March employment level in construction was just 8,900 under its record level of 305,300 in November 1973.

JUNE IS NATIONAL "HIRE-A-VET" MONTH: During the month of June, the U.S. Department of Labor will conduct a campaign to increase the hiring of jobless American veterans, particularly Vietnam-era and Korean War Veterans. A key ingredient in this effort is the new Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act. This Act authorizes the reimbursement of up to $10,000 to employers who hire eligible veterans. For more information, please contact the nearest State Job Service Office.

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LABOR MARKET TRENDS

A Labor Market Information Publication by the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security
Division of Employment Security

ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

FLORIDA	Employment			Change to Current Month			
	March P 1984	February 1984	March 1983	Month Ago No.	Month Ago %	Year Ago No.	Year Ago %
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT/1	4,109,500	4,085,500	3,856,200	24,000	0.6	253,300	6.6
Manufacturing	493,700	493,100	452,100	600	0.1	41,600	9.2
Durable Goods	285,900	284,000	257,200	1,900	0.7	28,700	11.2
Lumber & Wood Products	25,900	26,100	21,900	- 200	- 0.8	4,000	18.3
Furniture & Fixtures	11,400	11,200	11,100	200	1.8	300	2.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	22,300	22,200	19,600	100	0.5	2,700	13.8
Primary Metal Industries	5,200	5,200	4,800	0	0.0	400	8.3
Fabricated Metal Products	33,200	33,300	30,800	- 100	- 0.3	2,400	7.8
Machinery, except Electrical	40,200	39,700	36,100	500	1.3	4,100	11.4
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	75,000	73,900	64,900	1,100	1.5	10,100	15.6
Transportation Equipment	51,700	51,300	48,400	400	0.8	3,300	6.8
Instruments & Related Products	12,700	12,600	11,600	100	0.8	1,100	9.5
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	8,300	8,500	8,000	- 200	- 2.4	300	3.8
Nondurable Goods	207,800	209,100	194,900	-1,300	- 0.6	12,900	6.6
Food & Kindred Products	50,200	53,000	49,500	-2,800	- 5.3	700	1.4
Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	14,600	17,000	13,200	-2,400	-14.1	1,400	10.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	2,100	2,200	2,000	- 100	- 4.5	100	5.0
Textile Mill Products	2,300	2,200	2,200	- 100	- 4.5	100	4.5
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	35,500	35,000	32,200	500	1.4	3,300	10.2
Paper & Allied Products	15,800	15,800	15,200	0	0.0	600	3.9
Printing & Publishing	52,000	51,900	47,200	100	0.2	4,800	10.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	27,800	27,400	26,000	400	1.5	1,800	6.9
Petroleum & Coal Products	1,900	1,900	1,600	0	0.0	300	18.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	16,800	16,400	15,900	400	2.4	900	5.7
Leather & Leather Products	3,400	3,300	3,100	100	3.0	300	9.7
Mining	10,100	10,100	9,300	0	0.0	800	8.6
Nonmetallic Minerals (exc. Fuels)	8,600	8,600	7,900	0	0.0	700	8.9
Phosphate Rock	5,300	5,300	4,700	0	0.0	600	12.8
Construction	296,400	293,900	246,800	2,500	0.9	49,600	20.1
General Building Contractors	80,000	79,100	65,500	900	1.1	14,500	22.1
Heavy Construction Contractors	50,500	49,200	42,700	1,300	2.6	7,800	18.3
Special Trade Contractors	165,900	165,600	138,600	300	0.2	27,300	19.7
Transportation & Public Utilities, exc. U.S. Postal Service	229,300	228,400	231,900	900	0.4	- 2,600	- 1.1
Transportation	128,300	127,900	125,600	400	0.3	2,700	2.1
Railroad Transportation	9,100	9,100	9,800	0	0.0	- 700	- 7.1
Local & Interurban Passenger Transit	7,400	7,400	7,300	0	0.0	100	1.4
Trucking & Warehousing	42,600	42,300	39,200	300	0.7	3,400	8.7
Water Transportation	13,200	13,000	14,300	200	1.5	- 1,100	- 7.7
Transportation by Air	43,000	43,000	42,200	0	0.0	800	1.9
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	68,900	68,700	74,900	200	0.3	- 6,000	- 8.0
Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Serv.	32,100	31,800	31,400	300	0.9	700	2.2

FLORIDA	Employment			Change to Current Month			
	March P 1984	February 1984	March 1983	Month Ago No.	Month Ago %	Year Ago No.	Year Ago %
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,111,400	1,106,000	1,025,100	5,400	0.5	86,300	8.4
Wholesale Trade	230,000	229,700	215,200	300	0.1	14,800	6.9
Wholesale Trade Durable Goods	140,000	139,200	127,300	800	0.6	12,700	10.0
Wholesale Trade Nondurable Goods	90,000	90,500	87,900	- 500	-0.6	2,100	2.4
Retail Trade	881,400	876,300	809,900	5,100	0.6	71,500	8.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies & Mobile Home Dealers	36,500	36,400	33,700	100	0.3	2,800	8.3
General Merchandise Stores	105,100	106,300	104,000	- 1,200	-1.1	1,100	1.1
Food Stores	151,300	150,500	139,700	800	0.5	11,600	8.3
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	96,100	95,600	87,500	500	0.5	8,600	9.8
Apparel & Accessory Stores	47,400	46,700	45,500	700	1.5	1,900	4.2
Furniture & Home Furnishings	39,200	39,400	36,000	- 200	-0.5	3,200	8.9
Eating & Drinking Places	312,100	307,600	271,800	4,500	1.5	40,300	14.8
Miscellaneous Retail	93,700	93,800	91,700	- 100	-0.1	2,000	2.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	302,500	301,500	279,400	1,000	0.3	23,100	8.3
Banking	67,000	66,800	63,200	200	0.3	3,800	6.0
Credit Agencies Other than Banks	51,000	50,700	45,200	300	0.6	5,800	12.8
Insurance Carriers	46,200	45,700	44,800	- 500	1.1	1,400	3.1
Insurance Agents, Brokers, & Service	- 26,600	26,400	24,500	200	0.8	2,100	8.6
Real Estate	91,900	91,800	83,900	100	0.1	8,000	9.5
Services /2	1,013,100	1,005,100	963,500	8,000	0.8	49,600	5.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	105,600	102,400	104,200	3,200	3.1	1,400	1.3
Personal Services	51,000	50,700	50,600	300	0.6	400	0.8
Business Services	185,400	181,100	169,800	4,300	2.4	15,600	9.2
Auto Repair, Services, & Garages	40,100	39,600	34,900	500	1.3	5,200	14.9
Miscellaneous Repair Services	19,000	18,600	16,600	400	2.2	2,400	14.5
Motion Pictures	7,000	7,100	5,800	- 100	-1.4	1,200	20.7
Amusement & Recreation Services	70,000	70,500	71,300	- 500	-0.7	- 1,300	- 1.8
Health Services	269,900	270,300	260,900	- 400	-0.1	9,000	3.4
Legal Services	37,000	36,800	33,600	200	0.5	3,400	10.1
Educational Services	43,200	43,100	41,500	100	0.2	1,700	4.1
Miscellaneous Services	54,500	54,100	49,600	400	0.7	4,900	9.9
Total Government	653,000	647,400	648,100	5,600	0.9	4,900	0.8
Total Federal Government	95,800	94,700	93,300	1,100	1.2	2,500	2.7
Total State Government	135,400	132,800	128,900	2,600	2.0	6,500	5.0
Total Local Government	421,800	419,900	425,900	1,900	0.5	- 4,100	- 1.0

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1/ All industries are classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1977. Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salaried workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month, with the exception of federal employment for the Department of Defense, which is on an end-of-the-month basis. Proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic workers and military personnel of the armed forces are excluded. All data are adjusted to the first quarter 1983 benchmark levels.

2/ Includes a miscellaneous group of agricultural service establishments and establishments elsewhere classified.

Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing Industries

FLORIDA	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984*	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984*	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984*	Mar. 1983
MANUFACTURING	$310.58	$314.50	$290.73	41.3	41.6	40.1	$ 7.52	$ 7.56	$ 7.25
Durable Goods	319.12	321.64	302.94	42.1	42.1	40.5	7.58	7.64	7.48
Lumber & Wood Products	247.20	253.49	233.31	40.0	40.3	38.5	6.18	6.29	6.06
Furniture & Fixtures	229.63	224.47	211.12	38.4	37.6	37.7	5.98	5.97	5.60
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	370.06	360.57	334.80	45.8	45.7	43.2	8.08	7.89	7.75
Primary Metal Industries	369.73	323.14	299.15	44.6	40.8	40.7	8.29	7.92	7.35
Fabricated Metal Prod.	315.78	317.34	307.17	42.5	42.2	40.1	7.43	7.52	7.66
Machinery, except Electrical	336.33	346.10	307.85	42.2	41.8	40.4	7.97	8.28	7.62
Electric & Electronic Equipment	329.72	333.75	312.17	43.1	43.4	40.7	7.65	7.69	7.67
Transportation Equip.	363.19	381.36	377.98	40.9	42.0	41.4	8.88	9.08	9.13
Instruments & Related Products	307.50	303.22	296.27	41.0	40.7	40.2	7.50	7.45	7.37
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	234.24	225.72	218.30	39.5	39.6	40.5	5.93	5.70	5.39
Nondurable Goods	299.83	306.61	277.20	40.3	41.1	39.6	7.44	7.46	7.00
Food & Kindred Prods.	272.49	281.79	274.39	41.1	41.5	41.7	6.63	6.79	6.58
Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	272.95	289.09	250.45	41.8	45.1	40.2	6.53	6.41	6.23
Tobacco Manufactures	263.87	271.94	261.25	36.7	37.1	36.9	7.19	7.33	7.08
Apparel & Other Textiles	170.00	184.18	157.44	34.0	36.4	34.3	5.00	5.06	4.59
Paper & Allied Prods.	499.07	482.18	443.85	44.6	44.4	43.6	11.19	10.86	10.18
Printing & Publishing	337.24	338.92	309.93	40.1	40.3	38.5	8.41	8.41	8.05
Chemicals & Allied Products	440.21	436.17	397.46	43.2	43.1	42.6	10.19	10.12	9.33
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	235.95	271.50	214.92	42.9	45.1	39.8	5.50	6.02	5.40
NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS	388.21	375.14	349.87	47.4	46.2	44.4	8.19	8.12	7.88
Phosphate Rock	409.04	405.22	380.37	42.3	42.7	40.9	9.67	9.49	9.30
COMMUNICATION	460.00	467.57	421.48	40.6	40.8	39.8	11.33	11.46	10.59
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	463.01	442.98	457.31	42.4	41.4	42.9	10.92	10.70	10.66
BANKING	213.84	221.16	200.31	38.6	38.8	38.3	5.54	5.70	5.23

*Revised

These average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect changes in premium pay for overtime and late shift work as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates. Estimates are for all full-time production and related workers who are employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

Seasonally Adjusted
Nonagricultural Employment
Florida
(In Thousands)

Industry	March 1984 p	February 1984	March 1983
TOTAL	4,052.7	4,054.5	3,802.4
Mining	10.1	10.1	9.3
Construction	297.8	298.5	248.2
Manufacturing	489.7	489.9	448.5
Durable Goods	285.9	284.0	257.2
Nondurable Goods	203.8	204.5	191.1
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	229.3	228.4	231.9
Trade	1,095.1	1,099.3	1,010.1
Wholesale	230.0	229.7	215.2
Retail	866.1	870.1	795.8
Eating and Drinking Places	297.7	300.9	259.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	302.5	301.5	279.4
Services	988.6	990.4	940.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	95.9	96.5	94.6
Health Services	269.9	270.3	260.9
Government	639.6	636.4	634.8

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Unemployment Compensation Activity
Florida

	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983
Initial Claims/1	29,834	31,018	40,603
Weeks Claimed/2	232,704	217,944	414,911
Total U.C. Payments	$17,485,172	$16,357,375	$30,784,098

1/ Regular State UI
2/ Total Intrastate + Internet

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